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INSTALLATION OF A TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE
ELECTRONIC COMPONENT

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The relevance of U.S. 5,913,552, DE 19607726, JP 03036796 and DE 2949914 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

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English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the Japanese publications are submitted herewith.

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DE 2129918 discloses a safety device for electrical components.

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	AA	US- 5913552		06-22-1999	McLellan et al.	
	AB	US- 3723943		03-27-1973	Hotze	
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	AD	JP-10135589	05-22-1998	NEC KANSAI LTD.		AB
	AE	DE-19607726	09-04-1997	VACUUMSCHMELZE GMBH		AB
	AF	EP-0750325-A1	12-27-1996	ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.		
	AG	EP-0480802-A2	12-11-1991	SGS-THOMSON MICROELECTRONICS, INC.		
	AH	JP-03036796	02-18-1991	IBIDEN CO. LTD.		AB
	AI	JP-02155109	06-14-1990	TOSHIBA AUDIO VIDEO ENG CORP.		AB
	AJ	DE-2949914	07-10-1980	ALPS ELECTRIC CO., LTD.		
	AK	GB-1330716	09-19-1973	GENERAL ELEC. CO. LTD.		
	AL	DE-2129918	12-21-1972	SIEMENS AG		

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